ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

The ASCS office is currently holding another sign-up for cost assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program. The sign-up began on Monday July 3rd and will continue through July 31st. Requests for cost share will be for work that will be started and completed this fall.

The purpose of the program is to cost-share with public funds the performance of enduring soil and water conservation measures on farmland the farmer would not perform without cost-sharing, thus assuring that the public tax dollar is buying needed conservation beyond that which the farmer would accomplish without cost-share assistance. The cost share rates for practices under the program range from 30 percent to 75 percent according to the conservation priority of the practice as established by the County Development Group.

Last week I sent out a Newsletter informing the farmers in the county of the program sign-up. This week another letter will be sent out, advertising the program by listing all practices available and the cost-share rate of each practice. This will inform you of facts you should know concerning the program.

If you are interested in requesting cost-share assistance lurge you to sign-up now and the 31st. It is important to remember trhat you must sign-up before you start the practice. For those farmers that are interested in seeding and per liming and fertilizing you should bring a soil sample to the office at the time of sign-up, or soil sample results that are not over two years old.

CROP REPORTING

Checking our records we find that there are still a lot of farmers in the county who have not reported or completed reporting their crop and landuse acreage for 1978.

June 30 was the final day for flue cured tobacco producuers to report planted acreage; but producers of corn, barley, wheat, rye, oats, fire, sun, and burley tobacco have until July 14 to report. Producers of grain sorghum and soybeans have until July 30 to report.

As I've mentioned before, farmers signed up in the Set-Aside Program need to report in order to remain eligible for program benefits. Producers of tobacco need to report in order to be eligible to receive price support on their crop. All other farmers are asked to report so that ASCS records can be kept up to date.

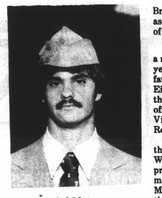
If you haven't reported or completed reporting I ask that you do so just as soon as possible.

WHEAT LOAN RATE INCREASED

The national average loan rate for wheat has been increased to provide farmers additional interim financing.

The new national loan rate has been increased $.10 thus increasing the previous rate from $2.25 per bushel to $2.35 per bushel. Under the county loan rate the $.10 increase has increased the loan level from $2.20 per bushel to $2.30 per bushel. This means that farmers signed up in the Set-Aside Program that have raised and harvested wheat this year are eligible to obtain a loan on the harvested wheat at $2.30 per bushel. The loan is for a 9 month period with a 7 percent interest rate.

If you are interested please contact us at the ASCS office.



Daniel Dittmann
Elected Va. Detachment Of American Legion

The Sons of The American Legion reelected Daniel Dittman of Stafford as Virginia Detachment COmmander at their annual convention last Sunday in Lynchburg. This is the first time in the history of the Virginia Sons of the Legion that a Detachment Commander has been elected to serve a second term. Elected as Vice Commanders were Bruce Miller Jr. of Stafford and Frank Leonard of Lynchburg. Also elected were John Gillen 11 of Dale City as Sergeant-at-Arms, Terrell Foster of Lynchburg as Assistant Sergeant-at Arms, Brian Crawford of Wooldridge as Chaplain, and Kevin Roberts of Stafford as Adjutant.

Commander Daniel Dittman, a member of the SAL for seven years, was installed by his father Wayne Dittman, past Eighth District Commander of the American Legion. All other officers were installed by the Vice Commander Lonnie Roberts of the 16th district.

Rich Nye, state chairman of the SAL and a member of Woodbridge Legion Post 364, presented COmmander Dittman and Vice Commander Miller and Five Star Award, the highest award that can be given a member of the SAL. Nye reminded evryone present that under the leadership of Commander Dittman and Vice Commander Miller, membership has risen to over 150 percent and five new squadrons were formed during the last year. The 1978 membership has set an all time record.

The Sons of the American Legion now has 17 active squadrons throughout Virginia. Their membership consists of male descendants of members of the American Legion or of deceased veterans. The National organization of the SAL was formed in 1932 and Virginia started its Sal in 1934.

VA Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - Who is eligible for CHAMPVA benefits?

A - The spouse or child of a veteran who has a total disability, permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disability; and the widow, widower or child of a veteran who died as the result of a service - connected disability, or at the time of death had a total disability permanent in nature, resulting from a service-connected disbility, are eligible for CHAMPVA.

Q - The spouse of a veteran is afforded educational assistance under Chapter 35 for ten years from the date the veteran is first determined to have a service - connected, total disability, permanent in nature. Is there any adjustment of entitlement upon the death of the veteran?

A - The delimiting date is adjusted to ten years from the date of death, and the spouse is afforded educational assistance under Chapter 35 for any entitlement not used during the veteran's lifetime.

Q - I was married to a veteran who died. Since then, I married another veteran who passed away, too. Can I receive two pensions based on my husbands' veteran status?

A - No. You may receive only one widow's pension in accordance with Title 38 of the U. S. Code. For additional information visit your nearest VA office.

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THEN and NOW!

By Frances H. Paulette

One Pilgrim's Progress

Who wants to be a preacher? Just give me my boots and saddle! Trimyer—THEN.

A hard hat hangin on his study wall--
It doesn't seem to belong with a preacher at all!
Then there's the award from the department store,
"For Exceptional Sales" - he made 'em soar!

After construction work, he sold men's clothes;
Doesn't mind hard work, goodness knows!
Now A Baptist Minister, co-authored a book--
Looks like Trimyer has found his nook!

He was sitting in the church study, carefully going over the family finances and thinking of the adjustment that would be necessary should he make the change he was contemplating.

Suddenly, he said to himself, "You must be nuts! You have a family and here you are thinking of leaving a good church and a salary of $15,000 to go back to school and work at the same time for approximately $8,000."

No matter how financially impractical, (impossible would be a better choice of words!), William Trimyer could not shake the feeling that it was not only his wish but God's will that he make the change.

In his mind and heart it was settled.

"This very year, 1976, I'll do it!" he said.

With God's help and the cooperation of his wife, Pat, he'd go ahead with his plans. He would attend the Medical College of Virginia and at the same time work as chaplain and patient counselor. He was really looking forward to sharpening his skills in pastoral care.

William L. Trimyer, born and reared in Portsmouth, Virginia is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Trimyer. Along with two brothers and one sister, he enjoyed a happy childhood.

"Full of mischief" is the way Bill Trimyer described himself as a youngster. With a happy smile as he remembered, he told of spending his summers on the farm of his grandparents in North Carolina. They were very special days.

Maybe is was the influence of the farm during these early years that helped instill ina city boy the love of the out-of-doors. Among his hobbies are gardening, fishing, golf, swimming and writing, of course.

Trimyer graduated from Churchland High School in Portsmouth, Virginia. After graduation he worked as an apprentice carpenter for two years. It was during this time there was a deepening interest in the church. He smiled as he told me of a young lady who played the organ at the church.

While it's true, the attractive young organist may have had a part in stimulating his interest in going to church, his feeling of being drawn to church work was much deeper than that. There was a growing awareness of how much he liked working with people and a sincere desire to committ himself to serving the Lord and in turn, serving his fellowman.

It was while Trimyer was a student at Bluefield College that he met his wife, the former Pat Ferguson of Appomattox, A daughter of the late Berkley Ferguson and Virginia Trent Ferguson, both of this county, she and Trimyer were married in 1968 in New Hope Baptist Church in Appomattox County.

After Bluefield College there was Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky. He holds a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Doctor of Ministery from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

Trimyer met Fred Skaggs, a pastor with a Master of Divinity and Master of Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Doctor of Ministery from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and Co-authro of the Book, "The Sound Of Falling Chains."

What began as a business venture between Trimyer and Skaggs grew until they became, more or less, colleagues in the ministry. They began to share ideas that they believed had the potential of becoming a book. They shared experiences, both happy and painful; experiences, if told in a book, might be of help to someone in similar circumstances. They picked out areas of human struggle that almost anyone could identify with; they shared, "Where we had hurt, andc where we had struggled" with the people in the pews.

Trimyer and Skaggs would meet each Tuesday morning for breakfast; they committed themselves to bringing one article each week; they would carefully read and go over the articles and weed out those that did not meet the criteria. Finally, they chose eighteen topics. They co-authored the book, "Colors Of The Mind."

Trimyer had enjoyed his four-year stay at East Highland Park Baptist Church in Richmond and felt a twinge of sadness when he resigned to attend MCV. His work at MCV, however, was all that he had hoped it would be.

FInishing work at MCV in August of 1977,he went to work for a construction firm in Richmond. In two months he

Somewhere along the way he put down his gun and picked up his Bible...Rev. Trimyer NOW.

"laid himself off", as he put it; there was not enough work. He began walking the streets, looking for work, all the time hoping that he would get a call to do the work for the Lord that he was prepared to do. In the meantime, a fellow has to eat, and then there was the family, so he kept walking!

One morning, feeling very confident, he walked into Miller and Rhoads Department Store in Richmond and said very simply, "I need a job!" He got it!

Not only did he continue at the department store, selling men's clothing for the next five months, he was given an award, "Top Selling Dollar."

In March of 1978 Dr. Trimyer accepted a call to the Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va. We sincerely hope he won't find himself in a situation like the incident that occured when he was a pastor in Richmond.

One evening as he was working in his study, Bill received a call from a gentleman telling him that a mutual acquaintence had died, and he was sure Bill, being the family pastor would immediately make a call on the bereaved family. As quickly as possible, Bill got in his car and drove over to the home, wondering as he drove just what he would say. Although he had been educated in these matters, neither education nor experience ever made one ready to deal with death and the feelings of loss and grief experienced by family members.

Reaching the house, he was met by the lady of the house; he was really pleased at seeing her so composed. (Maybe he had underestimated her ability to cope!)

"Mrs. Blank..." he began, "I am so sorry to hear about your husband." As she followed him into the house he noticed a puzzled look on her face. As they entered the living room Bill saw, stretched out on the living room sofa the "deceased"....very much alive! He was at a loss for words. Finally he summoned up enough courage to stutter, "I am sure glad you're alive! I had been misinformed!!" Preachers do have a time, don't they?

Dr Trimyer is now working on a book of meditations and another dealing with grief and loss, so you can see he doesn't have much time to "kill". He enjoys his gardening, takes his two sons, Brian and Brandon swimming and fishing. He and the boys even had the pleasure of an old fashioned ride recently when Mr. Henry Covington of Pamplin took them for a ride in a buggy.

What is Pat Trimyer doing while her husband is keeping busy? Besides doing all of the things required of a ministers wife, she finds time to "do her own thing!" And what is her own thing? More than one thing!! Pat is a student judge of flower shows; teaches or guides, however you want to put it, a group, The Scalers. They area group of women interested in getting themselves in shape by weight loss and exercise. Pat helps them to understand why they want to overeat and to be able to overcome the temptation when it comes.

Dr. and Mrs. Trimyer, you've got your hands full! Somehow or other, I think you like it that way! God bless you in your work!

Pamplin Ruritans Held Meeting

At a recent meeting of the Pamplin Ruritan Club, Bill Caldwell, Joe Almond and Bill Trimyer were initiated into the club.

Club President Ryland Womack announced the following major events at the Pamplin Community Center; Church Tournament, July 14-16; Terry's Creek Tournament, July 21-23; and Annual Country Music Show, August 18th.

Horace Coleman has been recognized by Ruritan National for getting new club members.

A slide program on "Forests For The Future" was presented by Roy Cheatham, WESTVACO forester.

Andy Dreszer, Cooperative Forest Management Supervisor, WESTVACO, presented a "Certified Tree Farmer" award to Major W. W. Wallis.

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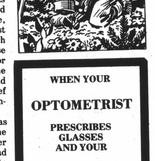

First row, left to right: Claudine O'Brien, Ruby Wooldridge Hamilton, Hazel Moon, Eloise O'Brien Burnett, Catherine Lucado Perdue, Lula Drinkard Gibson. Second row, left to right: Phoebe O'Brien McGuill (guest and sister of the late Albert O'Brien), Willie Jobe, Garland Plunkett, Blass Ranson, Helene Welch Harvey (teacher), Dorothy Covington Bona,. Hilda Moore, Ruth Morris Jennings, Rachel Morris Day. Third row, left to right: Carrie Jamerson Martin, Elaine McDearmon Spencer (teacher), Vera Kern Moore, Kate O'Brien (teacher). Mary Smith McDearmon, Malcolm Booker.

Appomattox High School Class Of 1932 Reunion

The Class of 1932 of Appomattox High School held its forty-sixth reunion on Sat., June 24, 1978, at the attractive country home of Miss Claudine O'Brien. Preceding the covered dish supper, Miss o'Brien and Miss Hilda Moore were hostesses at a Coke party in this same home. Refreshments were highlighted by a lovely centerpiece of summer flowers and also several momentos of Coca-Cola of a bygone day: serving trays, glasses, napkin holder, and ice pick.

At six o'clock, guests were invited into the dining room where supper was served buffet style. The table was beautiful with a variety of delicious dishes prepared by class members. The Reverend Omer Burnett, husband of one of the members of the class, returned thanks for the food and the fellowship.

Mrs. Ruby Wooldridge Hamilton was Mistress of Ceremonies. After welcoming classmates and guests, she read the names of deceased members, pausing for a moment in memory: James Langran, Chapman Chilton, W. C. (Billy) Hubbard, Christine Paulette Mosely, Albert O' Brien, Clarkie Evans Ranson, and Weselene Young Wooldridge. She also read messages from some members who could not attend.

The seventeen members of the class present were: Malcolm Booker, Dorothy Covington Bona, Lula Drinkard Gibson, Carrie Jamerson Martin, Willie Jobe, Vera Kern Moore, Catherine Lucado Perdue, Hazel Moore, Hilda Moore, Rachel Morris Day, Ruth Morris Jennings, Claude O'Brien, Eloise O'Brien Burett, Garland Plunkett, Blass Ranson, Mary Smith McDearmon, and Ruby Wooldridge Hamilton.

The class was especially honored to have three teachers present, Mrs. Helene Welch Harvey, Miss Kate O'Brien, and Mrs. Elaine McDearmon Spencer. Other guests were husbands and wives and a few close friends.

Miss Hazel Moon, missionary nurse to Nigeria, very unexpectedly arrived in this country in time to enjoy another reunion with her class. Traveling the greatest distance of any member, she was presented a floral arrangement created by classmate Mrs. Edith Robertson Kauffman, of Santa Monica, California, who could not be present herself.

John Thornhill, of Cleveland, Ohio, delighted his former classmates by calling long distance, with a personal greeting for each one. This was "the next best thing" to having John here in person.

After visiting, reminiscing, and picture taking, the class sang "Appomattox, Here We Are," written for graduation in 1932 by classmate Alice Lee Smith Hunter. Good-bys were then said in anticipation of another reunion, possibly in the not too distant future.

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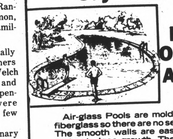

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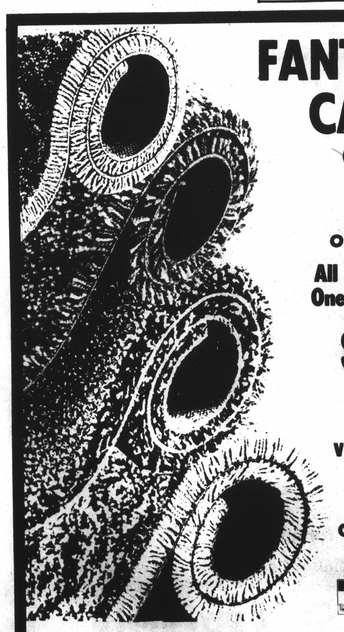

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